



Department of Correction  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

J. David Donahue  
Commissioner

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### **Department of Correction Commissioner fills key positions**

INDIANAPOLIS -- Commissioner J. David Donahue today announced that he has named Javairya "Java" Ahmed and Frederick L. Howard to key positions within the Department of Correction. Ahmed will serve as the public information officer for the department and Howard will become the director of human resources.

"I'm excited that I was able to persuade both Java and Frederick to join our team," Donahue said. "Java's experience developing communication plans for a large corporation and her strong communication skills will certainly be put to good use in this position.

"Frederick's work in managing human resources in the corporate setting and his educational background will help us coordinate the operations of our nearly 9,000 employees."

Since 2000 Ahmed has worked at Cummins Inc. in Columbus, where she provided communication support for senior management and expanded utilization of the internet and new technologies to enhance communications within the company, with customers and with the public.

Ahmed, who is fluent in three languages, has a graduate degree in business communications from The University of Memphis as well as an undergraduate degree in sociology and English as a second language from Memphis State University.

Before joining the department, Howard served as human resources manager at Rieter Automotive Systems in Lowell. He also managed human resources for Eaton Corporation in Greenfield for more than six years. Howard received his graduate degree in American government from the University of Notre Dame and in management and international affairs from the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his undergraduate degree in education from Indiana University.

Both will begin their duties on February 28, 2005.

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